

# HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITY SAILING



**H**udson River Community Sailing is a nonprofit organization founded in 2008 with a dual mission. We develop leadership and academic success in New York City youth through partnerships with public schools, and our diverse and vibrant community sailing center provides maritime education and recreation to the city at large.

The sport of sailing has not traditionally been inclusive, and we are dedicated to changing that. Across all of our programs, we are committed to building a welcoming community where everyone learns and grows together.



## SAIL ACADEMY

**Developing leadership and academic success in NYC public school students through sailing education**

This multi-year youth development program serves 250 students from 14 public middle and high schools. Sail Academy aims to close the opportunity gap between students from under-resourced schools and their more affluent counterparts by providing high-quality STEM and leadership education, along with college access support, internships, and workforce preparation.

## OUTCOMES

**College + Career Prep:** Prepare students for success in college/career

**Social Emotional Learning + Leadership:** Build leadership skills including self-confidence, communication, and teamwork

**STEM Identity:** Foster a greater interest in STEM subjects and environmental stewardship

**Sailing Skills:** Develop confidence and competence operating sailboats



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

**Providing affordable maritime education and recreation to the community at large**

HRCS believes that everyone can learn to sail, and that sailing provides a unique opportunity for growth and discovery. Community Programs provide maritime education to thousands of New Yorkers on our fleet of 25 keelboats across two locations in Chelsea and Inwood. As with Sail Academy, Community Programs foster a sense of stewardship by connecting New Yorkers to their local waters.

## PROGRAM AREAS

**Membership:** includes instruction, social sails, workshops, and racing within an inclusive community. FairLead provides mentorship and skill-building for female members

**Lessons and Group Events:** award-winning school provides instruction for all ages

**City Sail:** summer camp for youth ages 9-17 builds skills and teaches STEM and teamwork in week-long sessions

**Youth Racing:** brings together a diverse cross-section of public and private schools to practice and compete

**Community Days:** monthly free sailing days for student families and the public

**Soldiers Under Sail:** veterans program provides instruction and membership in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs



## ADAPTIVE SAILING

Our newest program, Adaptive Sailing provides waterfront access, sailing education, and community to New Yorkers living with disabilities. People living with disabilities too often become isolated by a lack of recreational and social opportunities, especially those outdoors. HRCS aims to help shift this paradigm by making NYC a place where everyone can feel safe, have fun, and be empowered on the water.